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**Subject:** Question about Materials to Share with Upper Narragansett Bay Sustainability Project - for discussion on November 25th 3VS call

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Hi All,

As I indicated in the proposed agenda for our upcoming call on November 25th, one of the topics will be a request from the Project Steering Committee of the Upper Narragansett Bay Sustainability Project to see some of the background information on the Narragansett 3VS model.

The intent of the sustainability project is to determine if there are feasible, cost effective alternative interventions for the restoration and sustainable water quality management of Upper Narragansett Bay. If so, RI could pick two or three physical / pilot demonstration projects related to the dual goals of improving upper Bay water quality and habitat restoration that could be considered for construction / implementation in the 2015 – 2017 time frame.

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) for this effort consists of the following representatives from 7 different institutions:

- 1) Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team – Ames Colt

- 2) Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management – Sue Kiernan, Ames Colt
- 3) Narragansett Bay Commission – Tom Uva & Pamela Reitsma
- 4) Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council - Jeff Willis
- 5) Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning - Jarred Rhodes
- 6) Narragansett Bay Estuary Program and its new Science Advisory Committee - Tom Borden, Director
- 7) US EPA Environmental Effects Research Laboratory Atlantic Ecology Division/ORD - Hal Walker

On the current PSC schedule, they are having a stakeholder meeting involving about 50 people on December 2, 2014. Then beginning in 2015 the project would involve 5 intervention topics, in one workshop a month. These more focused workshop results would be designed to bring in subject matter experts. Workshop results would be then summarized and discussed in a capstone stakeholder meeting that would be scheduled in ~ June 2015.

Hal Walker reported that at one of the recent meetings of the PSC Angelo Liberti from RI DEM had some nice things to say about the Narragansett 3VS model and the detailed literature review summarized in one of the 3VS report appendixes that documents the literature used as the basis for model calculations. Angelo suggested that these draft Narragansett 3VS model products (particularly the appendix) be distributed to PSC members. The intent here is to plan for some appropriate and constrained use of the Narragansett 3VS products. Hal has asked whether it would be possible for some of this to be happening (e.g. distribution of the Report appendices), in parallel with the planned review of the Narragansett 3VS model. The PSC could then get a head start on getting familiar with the 3VS and perhaps the User Interface could be distributed to interested members of the PSC next year once the review is completed.

So the question to the 3VS project team is whether it would be possible to arrange for limited distribution of the draft Narragansett 3VS model documents to the PSC. The specific documents that seem to be most relevant are attached to this email. If the 3VS project team agrees, they would be shared with the PSC for their internal use only; all of the documents would be marked as “Draft Document/ Not for Public Release.”

I think there are some questions that we need to talk through about whether these documents

contain information that can be shared at this time and whether there is any additional information that should be added before they are shared, such as information on QA.

Looking forward to discussing this request when we talk next week.

Eric

P.S. We will be sending out some additional information for the conference call on Monday.

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